

## MORNING LEADER.

SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 30, 1861.

Life in New Orleans.

During Gen. Butler's administration in New Orleans, the following incident occurred in reference to the "high-toned" Mr. Landry and his dusky daughter:

One Sunday morning, while Gen. Butler was seated at the breakfast-table, Major Strong, a gentleman who was not given to undue emotion, rushed in the room, pale with rage and horror.

"General! he exclaimed, "there is the most damnable thing out here!"

The general followed him to the office. There he found the negro maid, pale, trembling, and a woman, going up and down, biting her fingers, their countenances betraying mingled fury and pity. The servants of the house were crowding about the doors of the room. The woman who was the object of so much attention was nearly white, aged about twenty-seven. Her face showed at the first glance that she was one of those unfortunate creatures whom some savages regard with a kind of religious awe, and whom civilized beings are accustomed to consider peculiarly entitled to tenderness and forbearance. She was simple and innocent, really an idiot, but docile, vacuous, half-silly, half-mad.

"Look her, General," said Major Strong, as he opened the dress of that poor creature.

Her back was out to pieces with the infernal contrivance. It was all black and red—red with the infernal instrument of torture which had broken the skin, black where it had not. To convey an idea of its appearance, Gen. Strong used to say that it resembled a very rare beetle, with the black marks of the gridiron across it.

No one ever saw Gen. Butler so profoundly moved as he was while gazing upon this hideous spectacle.

"Who did this?" he asked the girl.

"I'm sorry," she replied. "Who is your master?"

Landry was a respectable merchant living near headquarters, not unknown to the members of the staff.

"What did he do it for?" asked the general.

"I went out after the clothes from the wash," said she, "and I stayed out late. When I came home, master kicked me and said he would teach me to run away."

"Orderly, go to Landry's house and bring the girl to me."

In a few minutes Landry entered the office, a spare, tall, gentlemanlike person of fifty-five.

"Mr. Landry," said the General, "this is infamous. The girl is evidently mad. It is the awfulest spectacle I ever beheld in my life."

At this moment Major Strong whispered in the General's ear a piece of information which caused him to compare the faces of the master and the slave. The resemblance between them was striking.

"Is this woman your daughter?" asked the general.

"There are reports to that effect," said Landry.

The insolent noisome of the man, as he replied to the last question, so inflamed the rage of all who witnessed it; that it needed but a wisk from the General's hand to set Landry's head on a platter.

"I am answered, sir."

The General, for once, seemed deprived of his power to judge with promptness. "He remained for some time, so intently fixed on the scene, that it was deeply affected to obtain relief in the usual way. His whole air was one of depression, almost listlessness; his indignation too intense, and his anger too stern, to find expression even in his countenance.

"Never have I seen such peculiar looks on three or four occasions similar to the one I am narrating when I knew he was pondering upon the hateful curse that had cast its withering blight upon all around, until the mind and heart were crushed, on the part of the people, by the weight of the load above them looked upon with complacency, and the preparers treated as respected and worthy citizens—and that he was realizing the great truth that 'however man might endeavor to guide his way to the advantage of a favored idea or sagacious policy, the Almighty was directing it surely and steadily for the purification of our country from this greatest of national sins.'

"After sitting in the mood which I have described, the General again turned to the prisoner, and said, in a quiet, subdued tone of voice:

"Mr. Landry, I dare not trust myself to-day to any painful punishment, but must defer to your officer. For I am at the state of mind that I fear I might exceed the strict demands of justice. I shall therefore, please you, under guard for the present until I conclude upon your sentence."

The next morning came troops of Landry's friends to tell the General what an honorable, what a "high-toned," what an amiable gentleman Mr. Landry was, and how highly he was respected by all who knew him. They said he had had his losses, the war had half ruined him; his friend had observed that he had been a trustee of land and money, but now, his wife and daughter needed him, he intended. His wife and his other children came to plead for him. A legal gentleman appeared, also, to do what he could possibly be able for him in the way of argument.

General Butler decided the case thus: Landry should give his daughter her freedom, and settle upon her a thousand dollars.

Being in a mortal terror of Fort Jackson, he gladly complied with these terms. The poor girl went forth that day a free woman, and a trustee was appointed to administer her little fortune, and see that no further harm be done to her.

There was a heavy penalty for such a crime as this, but the General had treated the case of Wellington Young for three poles apart; a rope had had the wretched hanged, the Sunday morning, in the nearest public square. God and man would have applauded the deed, and there would have been no more woman whipping in New Orleans, while the flag of the United States floated over the Custom House.

A party of New York thieves, some nine in number, have banded together to fix the price of defrauding individuals in various ways. They have engaged, in addition to ordinary thieving, in high-handed swindles upon parties in New York.

One mode of their operations is to break into the party to buy out a grocery store, advertising for a partner with a cash capital, when advertise for clerk, and select the clerk who can adumbrate the most money when the fruit is ripe, another one of the party who was previously unknown, and then, by means of a valid mortgage upon the stock, which is dated the day before the partnership commences. Of course the partner who is charged with the fraud is missing, the new partner and clerk have been swindled, and the remainder of the band are seeking a new field of operations.

This plan has succeeded in Jersey City, and in four places in New York by this mode of operation.

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